

Coming Home For The Holidays

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Remembering all the holidays of years past brings a smile and a happy, content feeling. Trying to distinguish one from another is a quandary.

The first thing that comes to mind is a delicious steaming turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked beans, veggies, waldorf apple salad, lemon meringue pie, pumpkin pie and, and. I'll just whisper, fruit cake! Every year there would be different cooks; but since it was a holiday, it was always scrumptious!

The greatest event during the holidays was being around your family and friends, especially if there happened to be a *new baby* at the time. All the little children were always the best entertainment, ergo lots of laughter! Also, all the stories exchanged gave us a variety of discussions and sometimes a friendly debate when sports and politics were involved.

On warm days a basketball or volleyball game ruled the day. Lots of competition, but everyone wins. Yes! There were always plenty of people even though some were neighbors.

At the end of the day everyone is ready for some goodies to warm the stomach. It makes it easier to bid our farewells until we come home for another holiday.